by UNO worth over Rs. 10 lakh to a private party; and

(c) if so, whether Government have got the matter enquired into by CBI if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the action taken by Government in the matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The then President of NCCF in his report dated 21-8-83 *inter-alia* made allegations against the then Regional Manager (East) also on the supply of imported butter oil referred to in the Question to the Manipur Wholesale Store. The report did not indicate the involvement of the earlier President of NCCF. The matter was enquired into by the NCCF which revealed that the then Regional Manager (East) was not responsible for any irregularity and no illegality was committed in this transaction. As such, no action has been taken against the officer so far as this case is concerned.

(e) The allegations brought out in the then President's report were referred to the CBI for investigation. This matter has not been enquired into by the CBI and no action is being taken by the NCCF in view of the position stated above.

Allegations against Manager of NCCF

1138. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1214 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th May, 1988 and state :

(a) what action has been taken by Government against the Concerned Manager (P&A) for the malpractices and irregularities committed in the appointments in NCCF during the period from 1983 to 1985;

(b) whether any inquiry has been made to fix responsibility for not making available the records pertaining to the indiscriminate purchases and packing of pulses during 1978-79 without inviting any tenders and without approval of the Competent authority; and

(c) whether any fresh inquiry into the asses of the officers reported to be having desproportionate income to their known income has been made; if so, what is the outcome stating the action taken by the Government in the matter.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA) : (a) and (c) A fresh inquiry into the allegations was made and the Manager (P&A) has been shown *prima-facie* responsible for certain procedural lapses in making appointments. The assets of the officer have been enquired into. The enquiry report has been referred to the Central Vigilance Commission for advice.

(b) No enquiry has been made as records were not separately maintained for PDS and as a result it is not possible to fix any responsibility in the matter.

Import of scrap for mini steel plants

1139. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that scrap is imported to help mini-steel plants;

(b) what is the quantity being imported during 1988-89; and

(c) the basis for allotment of scrap to individual units?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is proposed to import about 25 lakh tonnes carbon steel melting scrap including Heavy Melting Scrap (HMS) and Hot Briquetted Iron (HBI) during 1988-89.

(c) Allotment of scrap to individual units is made on the basis of the seniority of the letter of credit, limited to two months' entitlement at a time. However, HMS and HBI are made available to the interested